(b) whether the Central Government had discussed the issue with the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether Government had any objection to the presentation of the reports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) There is no restriction on the State Government or on the Legislative Assembly of J&K to consider and discuss the issue.

Central rehabilitation programme for surrendered Rebels of NE

*47. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the Central Rehabilitation Programme for the surrendered rebels of the North-Eastern States launched in April, 1998;

(b) the amount spent by the Central Government on the Rehabilitation Programme so far and the number of rebels trained; and

(c) the number of those provided with jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As per latest information available, 2100 militants have surrendered under this scheme.

(b) The Central Government has so far spent Rs. 1.50 crores under this scheme. 437 surrendered militants have been trained/undergoing training under this scheme.

(c) Eligible surrendered militants are encouraged to apply for jobs in the State Police/Central Para Military Forces.

Release of persons detained under TADA in Punjab

*48. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering a proposal to release persons detained under TADA in connection with Punjab problem on the lines on which Government have released Hurriyat leaders of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In the light of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to periodically review the pending cases under TADA (P) Act, 1987 the State Governments including the Punjab Government, were asked to constitute State Review Committees. The State Review Committee constituted by Government of Punjab has reviewed 572 cases and charges under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 have been dropped against 263 persons till 20.06.2000. The Government of India has reminded the State Governments, including the Government of Punjab to review the remaining TADA cases in a time bound manner.

Completion of power project by NEEPCO in NER

*49. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects now taken up and completed in the North-Eastern Region by NEEPCO State-wise;

(b) the amount released so far for each project;

(c) the details of amount collected so far from each completed project, project-wise; and

(d) the assets available with each project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The details of the schemes taken up by the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), State-wise, together with the amount released so far for each of the projects are given in Statement, (*see* below). In addition Rs. 20 crores and Rs. 15 crores were released to NEEPCO for pre-construction activities in respect of proposed new projects namely Tuivai HE Project (210MW) in Mizoram and Kameng HE Project (600 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh respectively.